

CLAIMS:

1. A digital album for viewing at least one digital image, the digital album comprising:
 - a first section comprising a frame having a screen configured to display a digital image; and
 - a second section comprising a housing and a scanner disposed within the housing,
 - wherein the first section further comprises a microprocessor and a memory coupled to the microprocessor.
2. The digital album of claim 1 wherein the first second and the second section are configured to be detachable from one another.
3. The digital album of claim 1 wherein the digital album is configured to perform scanning operations when the first section is structurally coupled to the second section.
4. The digital album of claim 3 wherein the scanner is configured to scan at least one photographic print.
5. The digital album of claim 3 wherein the scanner is configured to scan at least one document.
6. The digital album of claim 1 further comprising a removable hard drive configured to be selectively engaged with the first section.
7. The digital album of claim 6 wherein the hard drive is configured to store at least one digital image associated with a photographic print or a document.

8. The digital album of claim 1 wherein the digital album is configured to download data from at least one origin medium.

9. The digital album of claim 1 further comprising a removable CD/DVD/RW drive configured to be selectively engaged with the first section.

10. A digital album for viewing at least one digital image, the digital album comprising:

a first section comprising a frame having a screen configured to display a digital image; and

a second section structurally coupled to the first section, wherein the second section comprises a housing and a scanner disposed within the housing,

wherein the first section is coupled to the second section using at least one hinge mechanism comprising a plurality of linkages.

11. The digital album of claim 10 wherein the digital album comprises first and second hinge mechanisms configured to permit angular rotation of the first section with respect to the second section.

12. The digital album of claim 11 wherein the digital album has a closed state in which the first section is substantially flush with the second section to facilitate scanning operations.

13. The digital album of claim 10 wherein the housing further encloses a hard drive, a microprocessor and a memory coupled to the microprocessor.

14. The digital album of claim 10 further comprising at least one support member coupled to the

second section, wherein the support member is configured to permit upright viewing of the digital album.

15. The digital album of claim 14 wherein the support member is detachable from the second section.

16. The digital album of claim 10 wherein the scanner is configured to scan at least one document.

17. The digital album of claim 10 wherein the digital album is configured to download data from at least one origin medium.

18. The digital album of claim 10 wherein the digital album is configured to upload data to at least one destination medium.